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NATIONAL REPORT

Mrs. Mobley (2nd, r) pauses for a moment after unveiling the Emmett Till Rd. street sign. She is joined by (l-r) Mrs. Rosa Parks, Mayor Richard Daley and former Mayor Eugene Sawyer.

Chicago's 71st Street Is Renamed For Emmett Till

On a beautiful, breezy day in Chicago, hundreds of people gathered recently to commemorate Emmett (Bobo) Till's 50th birthday and the renaming of 71st

street in honor of the Chicago native who at age 14 was brutally lynched and murdered in Mississippi for whistling at a White woman.

Among those celebrating this historic event were: Till's mother, Mrs. Mamie Till Mobley, "Mother



With local TV personality Merri Dee behind her, Mrs. Mobley tells the crowd how much this day means to her. Later, she is overcome with emotion on what would have been her son's 50th birthday.

of the Civil Rights Movement" Mrs. Rosa Parks, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, former Chicago Mayor Eugene Sawyer and a host of local Black leaders, Till family members and friends.

After the unveiling of the Emmett Till Rd. street sign, an emotional Mrs. Mobley, a retired Chicago Public School teacher, said: "I feel if I had the voice of 10,000 angels, I could not express what this day means to me personally, for the city of Chicago and the world... This is a culmination of a lifetime of dreams. This day is a recognition of civil rights, Emmett and what must be done. As a mother, my heart is filled with pride. I know that what my son died for is about to be realized."

She continued: "His untimely death was the call for freedom that was heard around the world. Emmett Till Road will be a symbol of hope and inspiration to the Chicago street memorializes native son Emmett Till killed in 1955.

young and old that this world can be a better place if we try."

Mayor Daley said the street represents racism in America, then and now.

"The new street name is to commemorate a victim of racial hatred that exists in America, even today," he said.





Mrs. Mamie Till Mobley is glad her son's story was told.

Emmett Till's Mother Remembers Her Son On His 50th Birthday

On what would have been the late Emmett Till's 50th birthday, his mother Mrs. Mamie Till Mobley recalled the tragedy of his death and told why she felt it necessary to have the photo of his decomposed body run in JET and other publications.

She insisted that his body should lie in state for three days "so all the world can see what they did to my boy" and also show that the body was actually that of her son, the grieving mother told JET in explaining why she permitted an open casket viewing at Chicago's A.A. Rayner Funeral Home.

"When I first looked at Emmett it seemed that every bone in my body turned to steel," she recently told John Hockenberry on "CBS News Nightwatch".

"Instead of fainting, I realized that here's a job that I got to do now and I don't have time to faint; I don't have time to cry. I've got to make a decision and my decision was that there is no way I can tell the world what I see. The world is going to have to look at this. They're going to have to help me tell the story," she stated.

She credits JET and the Black press in general for the "admirable job" they did in sharing the tragic story of her son's death with the world.

Emmett Till, a 14-year-old Chicago native, was brutally lynched and murdered during a trip to Mississippi for whistling at a White woman in 1955.

She remembered: "Every Black paper in Chicago and even throughout the United States of America, they sent representatives to Chicago, not only the Black media but the White media as well. Nationwide, worldwide, they came to Chicago to see what was going on in the city of Chicago. They saw, they reported and by that happening, the entire world was aroused. I must give credit to everyone involved that no one pulled the punches; I mean they showed it as it was," she emphasized.

Asked what she thinks about the two White men who were acquitted of her son's murder, she stated: "I think that almost goes

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Mrs. Mamie Bradley and slain son, Emmett Till, who was slated to enter 8th grade in Chicago this fall. He was her only child.

Nation Horrified By Murder Of Kidnaped Chicago Youth

Editor's Note: The following story on the lynching of Emmett Till is reprinted as reported in JET on Sept. 15, 1955. The story was written by Simeon Booker, JET Washington Bureau Chief.

Aroused by America's first lynching in four years—the kidnaping and murder by three Mississippi white men of chubby, 14-year-old Emmett Louis (Bobo) Till because he whistled at a white woman—leaders of both white and Negro groups demanded “stern and immediate” action against the “barbarians.”

NAACP executive secretary Roy Wilkins wired Mississippi Governor Hugh White: “We can-

not believe that responsible officials of a state will condone the murdering of children on any provocation.” Swamped with hundreds of similar protesting telegrams, Gov. White answered: “Mississippi does not condone such conduct.” Calling the Mississippi white people “horrified by the act,” white Greenwood newspaper editor Tom Shepherd described the killing as “nauseating” and “way, way beyond the bounds of human decency.”

The kidnaping episode came to a stark and shocking end when the youth's nude body, weighted with a 200-pound iron gin mill fan, was discovered by a fisherman in the shallow waters of the Tallahatchie River. The fan was wired around his neck.

Recovering the body, law officers found a “bullet hole one inch above his right ear.” The left side of his face was crushed to the bone.

Meanwhile, LeFlore County police continued to hold two white men (Grocer Roy Bryant and his half-brother, J.W. Milan) and pushed a search for the other (reported) members of the “lynch party,” Mrs. Roy Bryant (who was whistled at) and another unidentified man. FBI officials said in Washington that they could not enter the case because it was “a local murder.”

Recounting the boy's kidnaping from the home of his grandfather, 64-year-old Rev. Moses Wright, in Money, 17-year-old Wheeler Parker, one of the three Chicago cousins who were visiting in Mississippi, but who escaped after the

crime, told JET:

"When the men came, swearing and all, Grandma tried to awaken Bobo and hide him outside. But the men stormed in and told her to get back in bed and shut up before they beat "hell" out of her.

"Grandma knew about the "incident" because we'd told her and not Grandpa, who would have gotten angry at us.

"We'd gone into town Wednesday and were watching some boys playing checkers in front of the store. Somebody said there was "a pretty lady" in the store and Bobo said he was going inside to buy some bubble gum.

"After a while, we went in and got Bobo but he stopped in the doorway and whistled at the lady.

Mrs. Bradley got first look at brutally battered son in undertaker's morgue. More than 600,000, in an unending procession later viewed body (r.).

David Jackson



Greenwood Sheriff John Cochran examines 200-pound gin fan that was wired to neck of boy's nude body.

She got angry and followed us out, then ran toward a car. Some one hollered, "She's getting a gun," and we ran."



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Shocked And Saddened Viewers Lined Up To See TIL's Body

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without saying. I don't even think of them as men. I think of them as subhuman creatures... They are not men by any stretch of the imagination," she stated.

She said she plans to continue to share her son's tragic story so that people's "consciences will be aroused and justice be allowed to prevail."

She pointed out that like the Jews who constantly remember the tragedy of the Holocaust, Blacks must remember the lives lost in the struggle against racism.

"When we let things happen and

we just sit and say 'Well, that's one of those things that we can't do anything about it.' This is the wrongest thing in the world," she said.

"All we have to do is take a lesson from the Jewish people," she pointed out. "They did not take the Holocaust and lie down and try to hide it. They are constantly bringing it forth, not only to the attention of their children and their people, but to the entire world. I have learned something from watching this come about from time to time. We must do the same thing," she said.

After Till's mother decided to allow the body of her son to be viewed for three days "so all the world can see what they did to my boy," a continuous crowd lined up for the viewing at A.A. Rayner Funeral Home.



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Emmett Till was all smiles in a photo which had been taken before he visited Mississippi, where he was kidnapped and later lynched.

1955. The story was written by Simeon Booker, JET Washington Bureau Chief.

The Strange Trial Of The Till Kidnaping

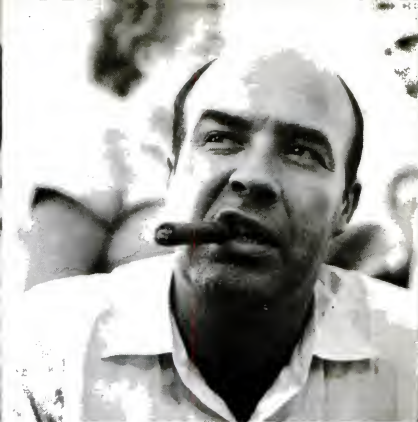
Editor's Note: *The following story on the trial of Roy Bryant and his half-brother, J.W. Milam, is reprinted as reported in JET on Oct. 6,*

When an all-white, all-male Mississippi jury finally got around to deciding whether or not Roy Bryant and his half-brother J.W. Milam were guilty of murdering 14-year-old Chicago school boy Emmett Till, it took them only an hour and seven minutes to bring an end to a trial that for five days had taken on all the appearances of a Sunday school picnic. The verdict of "not guilty" was merely a formal way of telling Bryant that he could go back to tending the affairs of his small town grocery in Money, Miss., and that Milam, whose cotton stood high

The stump jutting up out of Tallahatchie River (arrow) snagged the battered body of the Chicago youth who had been beaten and shot.

David Jackson





The Roy Bryants are shown at the trial along with Bryant's half brother, John Milam. An all-White jury decided that the two men were not guilty of murdering Till, who reportedly whistled at Mrs. Bryant.

on his plantation, could resume supervising its harvesting.

It had been that kind of a trial. From the beginning, Judge Curtis Swango, who was later to be commended for his fairness, perhaps unwittingly set the pattern for what would be acceptable courtroom conduct by uncapping a Coca-Cola and sipping it while the jury was being selected. The gesture of informality apparently delighted two spectators present, for they too decided to quench their thirsts, promptly opened and drank some cans of beer without being rebuked by bailiffs or the court.

Other spectators among the nearly 300 present, while perhaps less inclined toward beer, also felt the need to satisfy their thirsts. They kept several youthful peddlers in the courtroom busy selling Coca-Colas to wash down the box lunches they had brought along.

In this kind of informal, matinee-like setting, the accused slayers, Bryant and Milam, went on trial charged with beating young Till so horribly that a piece of his skull three inches square, fell loose from his head when his body was recovered. They came to court escorted by Sheriff H.C. Strider of Tallahatchie County who liked to demonstrate his friendliness with Negro reporters covering the trial by greeting them each day with: "Good morning, niggers."

As for Bryant and Milam, it was an occasion to hold a reunion with their families. Their wives came and were permitted to sit with the two accused men. And they brought along their children. At one point, Milam held his two sons, Harvey, 2 and Bill, 5, on his lap and allowed himself to be chucked playfully under the chin. Bryant, too, demonstrated his fatherly-like love by allowing him-



During the trial, youthful peddlers were kept busy selling Coca-Colas to the spectators in the crowded Mississippi courtroom.



self to be baby sitter for his two sons, ages two and three. Then, as the children grew restless, they began wandering about the courtroom, climbing on and off chairs. One of them played a solitary game, waving his toy water pistol at a sheriff and shouting "boom, boom, boom." At another time, little Harvey Milam amused himself by slipping a rope around his brother's neck and tugging at it.

Throughout it all, the prisoners did not appear to fare too badly. Like other whites in the courtroom they were served ice water and were permitted to buy Coca-Colas from peddlers, some of whom flatly refused to sell to the Jim Crow Negro press table, at which sat Congressman Charles C. Diggs Jr. of Detroit and Mrs. Mamie Bradley, the slain youth's mother. At times, the two accused men were allowed to use the toilet in the judge's chambers, while the only such facilities available to Negroes were three blocks away.

Occasionally, Milam, identified as the one, who pistol in hand, ordered young Till to "get dressed" in the middle of the night for his fateful ride, seemed bored with it all.

Though fingered by Till's great-uncle Moses Wright, as "the bald-headed one" who had invaded his home, and later singled out by an 18-year-old surprise witness, Willie Reed, as the man he saw in a truck with young Till the morning after his abduction, Milam re-

Teen-aged farmhand Willie Reed and Till's uncle, Moses Wright, testified before grand jury.

mained stoic, read newspapers while the prosecuting attorney asked his Mississippi neighbors to convict him.

But it was that kind of a trial. And the verdict came as no surprise.

When it was over and the jury had announced its "not guilty" decision, the mass of sweating, shirt-sleeved, cotton-farming spectators arose to go, but first turned a damning glance toward the handful of Negroes who sat

crowded around their press table. And in that single, hate-filled look it was obvious that to these white southerners, some of whom had never seen television or could believe that a Negro Congressman was not a violation of Federal law, "white supremacy" had again triumphed.

It was their way of letting it be known that no white man in the state had been punished for the murder of a Negro in more than 65 years.

Scott Sells Company In Multi-Million Transaction With Miller Brewing Co.

Stanley S. Scott, former special assistant to former Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, announced the sale of his Crescent Distributing Company in New Orleans, La., to the Miller Brewing Company in a multi-million dollar transaction.

An exclusive wholesaler of Miller Brands, Crescent employs 175 people and wholesales 35 percent of the beer in the New Orleans area. The distributorship will gross close to \$50 million this year, said Scott, who purchased the beer distributorship, one of the nation's largest, from Miller more than three years ago.

A former assistant to the chairman and vice president of corporate affairs with Philip Morris Companies, Inc., the parent company of Miller, Scott said he is selling the franchise for health reasons. In an interoffice memo to *Smiling happily, Stanley S. Scott turns thumbs up after his multi-million dollar Miller deal.*

his employees, Scott revealed that he has been undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer and intends to free himself of responsibilities of his business so that he can devote time to fully recover.

Scott, a journalism graduate of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., began his communications career as a reporter for the Atlanta Daily World, one of a chain of newspapers his family founded and the first Black-owned daily newspaper in modern times. He became the first full-time Black general assignment reporter for United Press International and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of Malcolm X's assassination.



CRIME

Black Men Tragic Victims Of White Milwaukee Man's Gruesome Murder Spree

Nine Black men were among victims whose remains recently were identified after Milwaukee police were led to the apartment of a White mass murderer.

The victims were: Oliver Lacy, 23, and Jeremiah Weinberger, 23, of Chicago; Matt Turner, 20, of Flint, Mich.; Ricky Beeks, 33; Errol Lindsey, 19; Anthony Sears, 26; Ernest Miller, 22, and Curtis Straughter, 18, all of Milwaukee and Anthony Hughes, 31, of Madison.

The man, Jeffrey L. Dahmer, 31, a convicted child molester on probation, admitted luring victims to his apartment for a drink or to take photos and later drug-ging, strangling and dismembering them—11 at latest count, according to court records. He boiled some skulls to remove flesh and kept one heart in the freezer to eat later, records said.

The former candy factory worker and soldier was formally charged with four murders and more charges were pending at JET press time. Police believe he may be responsible for at least 17 deaths over 10 or more years.

Dahmer recently had been fired



Jeffrey Dahmer is charged in mass murder case.

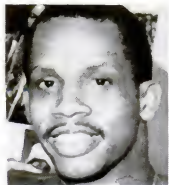
from his factory job and faced eviction from his apartment.

Police were led to Dahmer's apartment by a handcuffed man who escaped and flagged down officers.

The man, Tracy Edwards, 32, said he was able to escape by gaining Dahmer's trust during a four-hour conversation.

Police found the apartment strewn with body parts.

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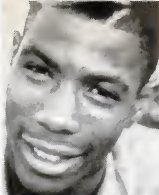


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place were ignored by neighbors.

Neighbors in the Oxford Apartments, located in a multiracial, high-crime area, say they heard power saws buzzing at all hours, and screams, and noted a terrible stench filled the 30-unit apartment building for approximately a year. Dahmer explained the smell as rotting meat in a broken freezer and no one questioned it.

"We've been smelling odors for weeks, but we thought it was a dead animal... We had no idea it was human," said neighbor Ella Vickers in *USA Today*.

He had lived in the apartment for two years.

A street minister who said he met Dahmer in a tavern in the last month said Dahmer hated homosexuals and Blacks and suffered problems with alcohol.

Meanwhile, three police officers were recently suspended for failing to remove a bloody, naked boy from Dahmer's apartment three months ago. The Asian boy's body was among the victim's found in the apartment.

"This could have all been prevented," said Nicole Childress, 18, one of the women who called police about the boy. "If they had listened that night, that little boy would still be alive and all the others wouldn't be dead."

Dahmer apparently convinced the officers it was a domestic dispute between two homosexuals.

The women allege police didn't take the matter more seriously because of racism—two Black women calling the cops on a White man connected with an Asian boy.

Domestic Dispute Claims Prominent Chicago Couple

A domestic dispute claimed the lives of two prominent Chicago dentists when Dr. Roosevelt Kimbrough, 58, shot his live-in lady, Dr. Lynn Ballard, 42, three times and took his own life in the couple's bedroom. She was rushed to a hospital where she died.

The couple's 10-year-old son and Dr. Ballard's father were also in the house at the time.

At JET press time, a motive had

not been determined. The couple had lived together 10 years.

Dr. Ballard was a pedodontist who practiced in Hyde Park. Dr. Kimbrough's offices were located on the far South Side.

A friend of the couple, who asked not to be identified, said in the *Chicago Defender*: "It's incredible, it's sickening. He was a mild-mannered man who just snapped. It's definitely a tragedy. They had so many friends and were admired by the community."



WEEKLY ALMANAC



TRICK SHOT: Two inmates at a Queens, N.Y., jail wanted out of jail so bad they were willing to get shot. So Kenneth Bernard and Kenneth Bartlett convinced a third prisoner to shoot them, Bernard in the hand and Bartlett in the leg. The plan was to escape while being taken to hospital unshackled. They were taken to the hospital under heavy guard and treated for superficial wounds and returned to separate jails.



DEAD VIDEOS: For those who go to the great beyond in Wisconsin, a new service can help your family remember you just as you are. For about \$150 over the cost of the burial, some Wisconsin funeral parlors will give you a six-minute video of recorded images of the dearly departed, along with appropriate background music, supplied by National Music Service of Spokane, Wash.



GHOST WARD: Nurses at a psychiatric hospital on the island of Tasmania say the hospital is haunted by a violent ghost, who threw a male nurse against a wall. The nurses have reported strange music, doors banging and windows opening on their own. "We don't know much about the apparition, whether it is a man or woman, or whatever," said government spokesman Neil Sparks.



PICTURE THIS: While many people are playfully warned not to break the camera when they are getting their picture taken, two young women in Oslo, Norway don't regard it as a playful warning. The two received head injuries when a coin-operated instant photo booth exploded as it took their picture. Police say an aerosol can of paint remover in the booth leaked, and the camera flash ignited the fumes.



DEAD DRIVER: Darrel Lambuth, 24, of Huntington, Tenn., didn't want to be caught dead driving with a revoked license. So when he apparently crashed his car into a tree, killing his girlfriend, Melba Lambert, 28, and injuring her four-year-old son, he reportedly tried to avoid the blame by propping his dead girlfriend in the driver's seat. However, the son, awoke in the hospital and told police Lambuth was driving.



SPACE TOMATOES: British agriculture authorities are trying to expel some tomato plants grown from a group of seeds that spent six years orbiting the earth on a satellite. British space writer Reg Turnill asked NASA for some of the seeds and he and his wife grew a crop of tomatoes and ate them. But the government says the seeds may contain diseases.

People

* **Everette A. Braden**, supervising judge, Child Support Enforcement Unit, Domestic Relations Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County in Chicago, is the new president of the John Marshall Law School Alumni Association in the city.

* **Larry Lundy**, vice president of restaurant development for Pizza Hut Inc., was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for Union National Bank in Wichita, Kan.

* **Thomas W. Chapman**, president of Greater Southeast Community Hospital in Washington, D.C., has been appointed president and CEO of the Greater Southeast Healthcare System, a D.C.-based hospital and nursing home management company.

* **John Holley**, sports information director (SID) at Norfolk (Va.) State University since 1988, was awarded the 1991 Cal Jacox/Champ Clark Award given the top SID at a Black college.



Everette A. Braden Vinetta C. Jones

* **Dr. Vinetta C. Jones**, dean of the School of Education and Urban Studies and professor in the School of Education at Morgan State University in Baltimore, was named national director of Equity 2000, a College Board program which prepares minority students for college.

* **Marvin E. Johnson**, formerly community relations manager for the Jersey Central Power and Light Company, recently was named director of community relations for Con Edison in New York.

Marvin E. Johnson Theresa Walker

* **James Harrell**, president of Arrow Construction, a heavy and highway construction firm in Montgomery, Ala., has been elected president of the National Assn. of Minority Contractors at their convention in Las Vegas.

* **Theresa Walker**, vice president of Paragon Productions Inc., a full-service public relations, film and video production firm in Atlanta, recently was appointed a representative to the National Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders by Gov. Zell Miller.

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Ratio Of Black Dentists Hasn't Changed Since 1970

While the actual number of Black dentists has increased annually, the percentage of Black dentists has remained virtually unchanged since 1970, according to a report released at a recent dentist's conference at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

According to the report, only 2.6 percent of the 142,000 U.S. dentists were Black in 1988, the same percentage as in 1970-80.

"The Black population is increasing faster than the number of Black dentists we're producing," Dr. Emerson Robinson, professor of dentistry at the University of Michigan, told JET.

"We're not making headway. The number of dentists still remains the same. That's the issue."

To increase the percentages, Dr. Robinson said Black dentists will be making a more concentrated effort to make people aware of the current conditions. This will involve taking the information to the federal government and educational institutions, he said.

Howard Awarded \$3.7 Mil. Grant For AIDS Research

Howard University has been awarded a \$3,760,241 grant to help generate a program to do AIDS clinical trials.

The grant, which will be received over a three-year period, comes from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, a leading institute for AIDS research.

Aspirin Fights Women's Heart Attacks, Too: Study

A recent study has found that aspirin protects women from a first heart attack, too, according to a recent report in the Journal of the American Medical Assn.

Past research showed that low doses of aspirin, taken regularly, protect men from a first attack.

The recent study which included 87,678 women monitored for six years, provides the first strong evidence that aspirin is useful in the prevention of heart disease in women.

"Aspirin now joins estrogen replacement therapy as a promising, but incompletely evaluated, primary prevention therapy in women," Dr. Lawrence J. Appel, an expert on disease prevention at Johns Hopkins University said of the study.

Meanwhile, two recent studies found women are far less likely to receive highly sophisticated procedures for heart disease, even when they are as sick as men.

The studies showed that when men and women have similar severity of heart disease, men are significantly more likely to have angiography, a common test to show buildups clogging the heart's arteries.

They also are far more likely to have coronary bypass surgery and balloon angioplasty, the two major techniques used to correct arterial clogging.

Both studies were published in the recent issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

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HHS Sex Survey Dropped For Fear It 'Sent Wrong Message'

Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Louis Sullivan recently canceled a planned \$18 million survey of teen-age sexual behavior on the grounds that it might distract from his campaign to discourage casual sex.

The survey included questions about rape, various sex acts, homosexuality, condom use and drugs.

A statement from the Department of Health and Human Services said Secretary Sullivan was "concerned by the possible inadvertent message this survey could send that would... be counterproductive to his commitment to better communicate the message against casual sex."

The study came under fire from conservatives on Capitol Hill and elsewhere who said it would be wasteful, intrusive and offensive.

The proposed five-year study would have involved 24,000 youths in grades 7 through 11. Parents would have had to consent before teen-agers could participate.

Loud Headset Stereo Music Puts Teens At Hearing Risk

The rising popularity of personal headset stereos and the high number of teen-agers who listen to loud music on these headsets was the topic of discussion at a recent congressional panel meeting on hearing impairment.

Speaking to the Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families, Paul R. Kileny, director of

the University of Michigan audiology division, said surveys indicate that many people, particularly youngsters, listen to their personal stereos at a volume level of between 83 and 107 decibels.

The federal government regulates maximum exposure to levels exceeding 85 decibels daily.

The panel cited a British study which found that young people who regularly use personal stereos and attend concerts experienced hearing lost at twice the rate of those in the same age group—15-23—without similar exposure.

Pediatricians Call For End To TV Food Ads For Kids

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently called for the elimination of all food advertisements on television aimed at children saying the ads are "inherently unfair."

At its recent conference in Chicago, the group said "young children are unable to distinguish between programs and commercials and do not understand that commercials are designed to sell products," according to a press statement published in the Chicago Sun Times.

The group recommended that "food advertisements aimed at children should be eliminated." It emphasized that "parents rather than children should determine what children should eat," adding, "children are unprepared to make appropriate food choices and do not understand the relationship of food choices to health maintenance and disease prevention."

LeMelle Takes Over As New President At UDC

Dr. Tilden J. LeMelle, a veteran educator from New York, recently became the fifth president of the University of the District of Columbia.

The 62-year-old LeMelle, who signed a five-year contract, recently served as acting vice chancellor of the student affairs and special programs at The City University of New York. He has previously served as acting president of New York City Technical College and Hunter College. He will take over at UDC on August 20.

Dr. LeMelle has an undergraduate and a master's degree from Xavier University in New

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Orleans and a Ph.D. from the University of Denver.

Little Ray Leonard To Attend Ohio Univ.

Ray Leonard Jr., son of former boxing champ Sugar Ray Leonard, has announced that he will attend Ohio University to major in computer science and minor in business administration.

Leonard made the announcement through a release from the law firm of Jessamy Fort and Botts. Leonard, 17, who recently graduated from Churchill High School in Maryland, said he plans to continue his football and track.

■ **Dedication:** Entrepreneur Edward E. Young (c) cuts the ribbon during the official dedication of the Lynette Wiggins Young Library Research Center at Talladega College. The center, part of the Savery Library, is dedicated to the memory of Young's wife. Young donated \$25,000 to the library to honor Mrs. Lynette Young, a Talladega alumna who was also a librarian at the school. Dr. Joseph Thompson, then interim president of the college and Mrs. Lucile Ish, vice chair of Talladega Board of Trustees and cousin of the late Mrs. Young, joined in the ceremonies.



Black Collegian Magazine Announces Scholarship Plan In 20th Anniversary Edition

In the 20th Anniversary Commemorative Edition of The Black Collegian, founder and publisher Preston J. Edwards has rededicated the publication "to the reclamation of the African-American male" by establishing a \$40,000 matching scholarship initiative with 20 universities.

In announcing the program, Edwards said, "the African-American male is under siege and we cannot count on anyone to save him but us." The Black Collegian's education scholarship initiative this year assisted 20 Black men majoring in elementary education with tuition costs. Each student received a \$2,000 scholarship, with half the funds coming from The Black Collegian and the other half from the University Partners, which include Johnson C. Smith, Hampton, Alcorn State, Jackson State, Morgan State and Howard Universities.

Cosbys Name New D.C. Scholarship Recipients

Bill and Camille Cosby, who have made sizeable donations to various Black institutions of higher education, recently established a scholarship program in the nation's capital for area students.

The scholarship, which is part of a national campaign that the Cosbys began several years ago in an effort to provide educational support to students and schools around the nation, was awarded

Black College's Shift To White Sparks Debate

As Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo., looks forward to celebrating its 125th anniversary, detractors are complaining the institution, which was founded for freed Blacks after the Civil War, now has a predominantly White teaching staff and student roster.

Four other historically Black colleges in the U.S. have undergone the same transformation: Bluefield (W. Va.) State University, W. Virginia State College in Institute, Kentucky State University in Frankfort and Langston (Okla.) University. Critics blame school officials for not actively recruiting more Blacks but Black scholars said the shift from Black to White at these colleges has come over the past 15 years.

They cited a 1973 Supreme Court ruling that banned discrimination at public colleges and opened the door of Black public colleges to anyone, the Washington Times reports.

to four Washington, D.C., area students. They are Angela Pruitt, Donald Toatley, Romail Huggins and Abeo Williams.

As Cosby Scholars, the students will receive full tuition, and room and board to attend an historically Black college or university of their choice.

"Economics do not dictate a level of intelligence. However, economics do dictate opportunity. Bill and I want to provide opportunities for these young people to excel," said Mrs. Cosby.



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Factions Feud Over Fate Of Cornerstone Baptist In Wake Of Cleveland's Death

The death last spring of famed L.A. minister James Cleveland left more of a void than many in his congregation ever imagined possible.

Members of his Cornerstone Institutional Baptist Church in South L.A. were caught off guard when told that Cleveland had planned on selling the facility and moving the congregation to another building.

In addition to splits over whether the facility should be sold or not, some members are divided over whether or not to support interim minister Eugene Bryant. It got to the point where lawyers were hired by different groups. It is hoped that the differences can be worked out without going to court, a church member said.

Annette Thomas, who was Cleveland's business manager, told JET: "The church is in transition. The facility is going to have to be sold. A new facility will be found. Many members were in shock when they were told that they'd have to leave the building. Some people want to re-do what Rev. Cleveland has done. The interim pastor wants to let the people decide and not do things the way Rev. Cleveland did. Of course, he's talking about the people on his side. Rev. Cleveland put in motion, the way he wanted things done until a new pastor is chosen."



Gospel great James Cleveland's death left his congregation at odds over the future of their church.

Ms. Thomas is upset about the media coverage of an internal matter. She said, "The more confusion there is, the harder it will be to complete the instructions of his trust and resolve infighting among the membership."

Cleveland's attorney, Donald Garner, told JET that some of the problems arose from the fact that some members didn't know about the financial picture. "Rev. Cleveland knew that month in and month out he'd been subsidizing the church. He anticipated the loss of his subsidy with his death. There are three sizable mortgages to pay and the taxes. He was paying most of the bills himself."

Atty. Garner said Cleveland's will and trust made provisions for

Cleveland's former business manager Annette Thomas said Cornerstone is simply "in transition."

money to be given to family friends, Cornerstone Church and the Gospel Music Workshop of America, an organization he founded.

"The last thing Rev. Cleveland would have wanted was divisiveness. There has been some of that. People are aware that at some time they will be moving. There are some differences of opinions as to how this matter should be resolved," Atty. Garner continued.

Interim minister Bryant, weary of the controversy, told JET that he would only reiterate what he had told the L.A. Times. "We are crying out to the Lord to find a way to keep the church property, but we realize that it is only a building. More important, we want to make sure that the spiritual foundation that Rev. Cleveland built is continued."

As far as he is concerned, he says, there is no bickering. "Even if there was bickering, what goes on in the home stays in the home," he said.

Atty. Garner said the value of Cleveland's trust has not been determined. However, the asking price for the Cornerstone facility is \$4.5 million.

Ms. Thomas said she believes everything will work out soon because "the interim pastor has seen the wisdom that it's futile to try and maintain the facility and that the membership would be best served selling the building."

Bryant, upset about the story in



the L.A. Times which focused attention on the split, said his main interest is in carrying on Rev. Cleveland's legacy.

Blacks Denounce O'Connor For Praising Toussaint, Closing His Harlem Center

While Archbishop John Cardinal O'Connor stood inside St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York recently praising sainthood for Pierre Toussaint who may become the nation's first Black saint, about 50 angry protesters gathered outside, denouncing the archbishop for his planned closing of a Harlem youth center named in Toussaint's honor.

A youth program director at the center called the situation, "the worst of ironies".

"I'm tired of lip service to youth," Albert Cooks, who runs workshops at the center, told the New York Post.

SOCIETY WORLD

COCKTAIL CHITCHAT: At the 56th annual conclave of the Girl Friends Inc., 700 Girl Friends and Boy Friends, from 40 chapters throughout the nation, enjoyed the boundless warm Southern hospitality of the hosting Newport News (Va.) chapter at the Williamsburg Inn in Williamsburg, Va. National President **Rachael Norcom-Smith** of Portsmouth, Va., presided at the successful conclave... Torchlighter Awards were presented at the Torchlighter Luncheon hosted by the Potomac chapter of the Links Inc. at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in D.C. Award recipients were **Mae H. Best**, **Doris W. Jones** and **Virgie L. Smith**. Congresswoman **Maxine Waters** (D., Calif.), the speaker, received the National Torchlighter Award. Fifty junior and senior high school students in the chapter's High Expectations Program were honored. Coordinators of the impressive event were prexy **Carol Randolph Jasmine**, **Rosemary P. McDaniel**, **Melbourne Cummings** and co-chairs **Sherri N. Blount** and **Jacqueline Threadgill**... Expanding her scholarly endeavors, Dr. **Donna Akiba Sullivan Harper**, professor of African-American Literature at Spelman College in Atlanta, spent the month of June as scholar-in-residence at New York University. Dr. Harper is a specialist on the life and works of **Langston Hughes**... Prominent mortician **Charles E. Hicks III** gathered 150 friends at his Char-Marie by the Sea estate on the Chesapeake Bay in Annapolis, Md., for the dedication and blessing of the 300 ft. Marie's Pier by Rev. **Robert M. Powell** in memory of his late wife **Marie**. The serene spot has a beautiful scenic view.



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■ **This Is Love:** Hammond Jerome Briscoe III and the former Elisse Yvette Wright look forward to a lifetime of love and happiness after exchanging wedding vows at the Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Md. The lovely bride, a graduate of Yale University and Stanford Law School, is an assistant dean at the University of Maryland at College Park. The groom, a graduate of Columbia University and the Rutgers School of Law, is an assistant state's attorney in Baltimore. The happy couple honeymooned in the Caribbean.



■ **Lasting Love:** Vernon Eudell, II and his lovely bride, Donna Denise Armstrong, recently pledged their lasting love during nuptials at Southern Missionary Baptist Church in Syracuse, N.Y. The bride is a financial specialist at NCR Corp. in Dayton, Ohio. The groom is an application development consultant at that same company.



■ **Nuptial Cheer:** Mr. and Mrs. Curtis M. Turner are brimming with cheer following nuptials attended by a host of friends and relatives at First Baptist Church of Quindaro in Kansas City, Kan. The bride, the former Davida L. Covington, is a telemarketing supervisor for AT&T Communications in Kansas City. The groom is a hangar supervisor at TWA, Ichan Enterprises in that city. The cheerful couple honeymooned on the sunny, romantic beaches of San Juan, Puerto Rico.



■ **Toasting Happiness:** 1st Lt. Andre Jerome Wilson of the US Marine Corps and Lisa Denise Gambrell toast to happiness after marrying at the Mt. Able Baptist Church in Anderson, S.C. The precious bride is a telecommunications specialist with the US Navy in Pensacola, Fla. The handsome groom is stationed in that same city.





Continental Hall of Fame ceremony participants included (l-r) inductees Lois Harrison-Jones and Edna M. Calhoun, Jean Cooper, National President Evelyn I. Means, Norma Stewart, Artis Hampshire Cowan, Eunice M. Cherry and Dorothea Burns.

Continental Societies Holds 36th Annual Conclave In D.C.

Continental Societies Inc., a public service organization dedicated to the socio-economic and cultural welfare of underprivileged children and youth, recently held its 36th Annual Conclave in Washington, D.C. The theme was "Continental In Action: Building Bridges for Children and Youth in the '90s."

According to National President Evelyn I. Means of South Jersey, "The Continentals' continued goal is to increase and enhance the growth potential for

young people that life situations have left out or left behind."

Highlights of the conclave included the establishment of the Continental Societies Hall of Fame, the presentation of a \$8,500 check to the Children's Defense Fund, a tribute to Black Congresswomen Cardiss Collins (D., Ill.), Barbara Rose Collins (D., Mich.), Maxine Waters (D., Calif.) and Eleanor Holmes Norton (D., D.C.); and a D.C. chapter tribute and presentation of service awards to Judge Luke C. Moore, Dr. Vincent E. Reed, vice president for communications for the Washington Post newspaper and Robert H. Fentress, recently retired Johnson Publishing Co. vice president, circulation director and production coordinator of EBONY Fashion Fair®.

The D.C. Continentals have sponsored the EBONY Fashion Fair in the nation's capital for 30 consecutive years.

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Performing at Jazz Festival before a sold-out concert in the Basilica of Saint Pietro in Perugia, Italy, Rev. Clay Evans (front, r and inset) shares applause with Rev. Milton Bingham (l) and Mother Consuella York.

European Fans Cheer Chicago Choir At Jazz Festival Held In Italy

Chicago's Reverend Clay Evans and his Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Choir turned Europe on its ear as they brought their "Gospel is Alive in Chicago Show" to the Umbria Jazz Festival in Perugia, Italy, the North Sea Jazz Festival in Holland, and the Umbria Jazz by the Sea Festival in Fano, Italy.

Eighty members of the Fellowship Choir presented the spirited sound of American gospel music to European audiences who enthusiastically welcomed them at late-night concerts that sometimes began at midnight and 1 a.m. The choir raised the emotions of the usually reserved audiences to a fevered pitch that left them on their feet cheering for

more and singing along with choir members as they boarded their tour buses.

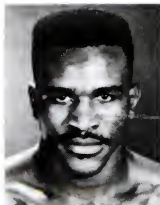
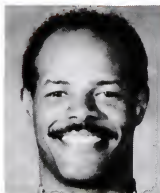
Reverend Evans says he views this trip to Europe as an "evangelistic tour." "We're very excited about this tour," he explained. "However, we're more interested in the spiritual aspect of this festival."

Chicago sent jazz groups to the 14-day music festival in 1988 and 1989, but Reverend Evans and the Fellowship Choir are the first gospel representatives from the city.

"Gospel, jazz and blues are among America's most unique musical art forms," said Mrs. Maggie Daley, wife of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, who accompanied the choir to Italy. "The People of Chicago are proud of our gospel heritage and very proud of this inspirational choir," she added.

■ **Ex-Fugitive:** Mary Wright, 41, of Indianapolis, a mother of six (ages 25-12) has spent the last 22 years as a fugitive. She escaped Indiana Women's Prison in Indianapolis in 1969, two months into a 1-10 year sentence for assault/battery with intent to kill. She recently was stopped for a broken automobile brake light and a check determined she was a fugitive. Prison authorities say she'll have to finish her sentence, plus time for escape. She hopes not. "I haven't been in any kind of trouble for the last 22 years," she said.

Holyfield, Wayans, Peebles Among Playgirl's Sexiest



Among Playgirl magazine's "10 Sexiest" are (clockwise from left) Evander Holyfield, Keenen Ivory Wayans and Mario Van Peebles.

Heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield, comedian/producer Keenen Ivory Wayans and actor/director Mario Van Peebles were among the "10 Sexiest Men in 1991" selected by Playgirl Magazine in its August issue.



Visiting Teens' Bus Stolen In Nation's Capital, Residents Come To Rescue

Residents of the nation's capital recently came to the rescue of 32 Michigan teens whose clothes, an estimated \$2,500 and other items were taken when their refurbished school bus was stolen from the parking lot of a fast food restaurant.

Residents replaced the \$2,500 and also donated such items as: free rooms, clothes, rides around the city, meals and toiletries.

"I am very sorry. This shouldn't have happened," said Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon.

At JET press time, two suspects were in custody and police said some of the belongings on the bus had been recovered.

The teens from the Bluewater Youth for Christ chapter in Pigeon, Mich. were visiting D.C. for a religious conference.

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Few Black Models Shown In Magazine Ads: Study

Blacks are underrepresented in magazine ads and mail-order catalogs, and when they are shown it is often as children or menial workers, according to a study by the New York Consumer Affairs Department.

The study found that Blacks, 11 percent of magazine readers and 12 percent of the U.S. population, account for only 3 percent of people featured in national magazine ads.

"This racial neglect is both economically dumb and morally offensive, since minorities control \$400 billion in consumer spending and studies show no White backlash if minorities appear in ads," said city Consumer Affairs Com-

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missioner Mark Green commenting on the study results.

Green said treating minorities "as invisible people promotes comfortable ignorance."

"Such visual belittling is of no small consequence," he said. "What we see affects how we think."

However, John O'Toole, president of the American Association of Advertising Agencies, says "there is no obligation on the part of advertising to every day in every ad portray the rich diversity of this culture."

O'Toole says it's easier and more effective to reach ethnic groups via magazines that appeal to them.

CII Awarded 1st Minority Contract To Rebuild Kuwait

Communications International Inc. (CII), an Atlanta-based minority-owned international telecommunications systems integrator, recently became the first minority business enterprise awarded a contract in the reconstruction of Kuwait.

The multimillion dollar contract was awarded by Bechtel International Inc. and the government-owned Kuwait Oil Co. CII was assisted in competing for the contract by the Commerce Dept. and the Minority Business Development Agency Gulf Reconstruction Task Force.

The company will design, engineer, furnish and install a critical network to support the

rebuilding of the Kuwait oil industry.

Pillsbury Hires Agency To Target Black Market

For the first time, the Pillsbury Company has hired an agency to promote its cake mixes and other baking products specifically among Blacks.

The account went to UniWorld Group, New York, which is a Black advertising agency.

"The demographic trends from the 1990 census show that ethnic markets are going to be where more and more of our business will come from," said Amy Hilliard-Johnson, the director of target and regional marketing for Pillsbury's baked goods in the New York Times.



Kevin Neely stands next to a pay phone that will no longer accept coins between 7:30 p.m. and 4 a.m. at his gas station in Chicago.

DRUGS

Chicago Neighborhoods Vex Drug Dealers With New Pay Phone Plan

Drug dealers in Chicago may have a hard time reaching their buyers by pay phones, if an experimental plan proves successful.

Pay phones in two drug-ravaged Chicago neighborhoods will no longer accept coins between 7:30 p.m. and 4 a.m.

The pay phones, however, can be used for collect calls, to bill to a third party or by using calling cards. The new policy won't affect free calls to information 411 or emergency 911.

The plan's goal is to disconnect drug dealers from their buyers.

Illinois Bell spokesman Geoff Potter told the Chicago Sun-Times: "The reason they (drug dealers) like pay phones is they can put in their quarter and no one knows who they are." He noted, "That's going to change with this. If they call collect, or with their calling card, they're going to leave a paper trail. And billing to a third party is also going to be difficult, that links another person to that call. That'll discourage them."

Man Dies After Drinking Cocaine-Laced Nectar

A man who collapsed and died in Kingston, Jamaica, after taking a swig of canned mango nectar was the unwitting victim of a drug-smuggling plot, police said. They said the can held about a half pound of cocaine.

Officers said that Frederick Lumsden, 27, of nearby St. Catherine, Jamaica, took the can from the luggage of his girlfriend, Elsa Bailey, before dropping her off at Kingston's airport for a flight to London.

Lumsden drank some of the mango nectar after eating in a restaurant. He complained that it tasted strange, keeled over and died, officers said.

Airport authorities found other such cans in Ms. Bailey's possession when she arrived in London and she was arrested and charged with drug smuggling, police said.

A local manufacturer had ordered a recall of the nectar from store shelves the day after Lumsden died, before the cause of death was determined.

Gray Announces He Will Leave Congress Sept. 11

Rep. William Gray (D., Pa.), who will head the UNCF, recently announced he will formally resign his congressional seat on Sept. 11.

Gray, the first Black to become the House majority whip, said his resignation will fall on the day Congress returns from its summer period.

Producer Tony Brown Joins Republican Party



Tony Brown

Party.

Brown told the N.Y. Post he's joining the party because he supports GOP's "basic concept of market economy and self-help."

The syndicated columnist and producer and host of TV's longest running Black affairs program, "Tony Brown's Journal," blasted the Democrats for their "philosophy of dependence on government."

"The problem with depending on government is that you can't depend on it," quipped Brown in the N.Y. Post.

Brown said Republicans "at least tell people that they can help themselves, rather than the Democratic Party, that tells them their condition cannot change un-

less the government changes it," he told USA Today.

Rights Commission Urges Non-Racial 1992 Campaigns

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights recently appealed to President Bush and both political parties to reject campaign tactics that heighten racial tension.



Arthur Fletcher

In a letter sent to the president and leaders of both parties, Commission Chairman Arthur A. Fletcher asked for a summit to prepare guidelines for the 1992 elections.

At a minimum, the guidelines would require election candidates to "make every effort to avoid even the appearance of the use of racial tactics in the campaign," Fletcher wrote. Campaign staff members should also "be held accountable for any attempt to use race baiting as a tactic."

He added "the use of inflammatory racial rhetoric in political campaigns will only fan the flames of racial division and distrust... making governance more difficult at all levels."

Fletcher said race-baiting includes racial stereotyping as well as liberal senators and congressmen "promising more in a bill than they can get passed" and passing civil rights legislation without funding it.

Words of the Week

Atty. Muzette Hill, a Chicago lawyer saluted by the American Bar Association Barrister magazine as one of 20 young lawyers in America who "made a difference," revealing to the Chicago Sun-Times advice she took: *"There's an old African proverb I follow: 'When you pray, move your feet.'"*

Milt Jackson, famed veteran jazz vibraphone player, crediting his father's advice to stick with one instrument as the key to his success today: *"He said, 'Don't be a jack-of-all-trades. Find something that you like and be good at it.'"*

Marjorie Judith Vincent, Miss America 1991, pointing out that Black youth must be prepared to overcome the obstacle of racism to achieve their goals: *"I know there's still discrimination in the world. But youth have to deal with it. A lot of them feel that their race will hinder them. But with hard work, determination and commitment, they can accomplish their goals."*

Clara Hale, founder of the Hale House in New York, a nonprofit child-care agency for infants who are born addicted to drugs or suffering from AIDS, on her dedication to helping needy children: *"It's a hard enough life without coming into it as a second-class citizen. If I can pass on the love I feel for them, make them know how good life can be, then I'll have accomplished something."*

Dr. Clifton R. Wharton Jr., CEO of the Teachers Insurance Annuity Association/College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA/CREF) in New York, reflecting in the August issue of EBONY, on his historic position as the first Black to head a Fortune 500 service company: *"I have always realized that what I do goes beyond myself. It can have an influence on those who have the opportunity to come afterwards. There may be significance in being the first, but there's more significance in being the second, third, fourth, fifth..."*



Milt Jackson



Marjorie Vincent



Clara Hale



Clifton Wharton

THE WEEK'S BEST PHOTOS



Bill Jones

■ **Joyous Janet:** Dining in Los Angeles, Janet Jackson experiences a special joy with a special man, Rene Elizondo, who was creative consultant on her *Rhythm Nation* album. She once said, "I thank God for Rene" because of his public and private role in her life.

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BEAUTY OF THE WEEK

Nina Robinson (36-24-36) is from Virginia Beach, Va. In her spare time she enjoys working out, reading, traveling and meeting people.

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Marc Bryan-Brown

► **Greetings:** Mike Tyson takes a break from his training to greet superstar Whitney Houston backstage after her recent concert at the Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, Md. Ms. Houston's North America tour ends this month but continues in Europe.



Bill Jones

► **Fall Preview:** Strolling down the Hollywood Walk of Fame are celebrity couples who are expecting babies this fall (l-r), Eric George Maurice and wife, actress Sheryl Lee Ralph, and Cheri Townsend and husband, actor-director Robert Townsend.



SPORTS

Holyfields Divorce With New Settlement



Evander Holyfield Undisputed heavyweight boxing champ Evander Holyfield suffered a big loss in another arena as his divorce from his wife Paulette became official, with Paulette Holyfield gaining a larger share of her husband's fortune.

Though terms of the settlement agreement were not released, Holyfield's future earnings were factored into the final settlement, according to Jeffrey Bogart, one of Paulette Holyfield's attorneys. Holyfield stands to earn \$30 million from his Nov. 8 title fight with Mike Tyson, and earned almost \$15 million from his April

■ **Olympic Cards:** Former U.S. Olympians Milt Campbell, 1956 decathlon gold medalist, and Rafer Johnson, gold medalist in the 1960 games, congratulate each other at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Los Angeles on being featured among the premiere edition of U.S. Olympic trading cards Decathlon Gold Series, which features five of America's greatest decathletes.

title fight with George Foreman.

The couple had reached a settlement agreement last September, but Paulette Holyfield had the suit dismissed, claiming the suit was voided because the couple had subsequent sexual relations (JET, April 1, 1991).

That agreement had provided between \$3 million and \$4 million, along with houses and cars. Under the new agreement, the Holyfields share joint custody of their three children, with Paulette Holyfield getting physical custody.

Greg Gumbel Target Of Credit Theft

CBS sportscaster Greg Gumbel was the victim of stolen credit history, which thieves used to purchase over \$6,000 worth of merchandise.

Three men used Gumbel's name and credit history to apply for credit and purchase \$5,000 in computer equipment and at least \$1,000 in gift certificates—which were converted into cash by buying and then returning merchandise. The thefts took place between March and July of this year. The three men were arrested.

NFL Starts Tougher Policy On DWI

The National Football League has instituted a new, tougher policy that could call for players convicted of drunken driving to face a fine and four-game suspension.

Under the new policy, a driving while intoxicated conviction is cause for the new penalty, but the penalty is not automatic and the player would first be entitled to a hearing. A second conviction would call for a six-game suspension without pay.

Gene Upshaw, head of the NFL Players Association, termed the new policy "pretty harsh. This is just another case of the NFL doing whatever they want to do."

"It gives the league and the commissioner the flexibility to suspend players after a first violation of the drug, and alcohol policy, if it's a violation of the law," said league spokesman Greg Aiello. Under that policy, players were not suspended for four games until their second positive test.

Raiders' Allen Plans Challenge To NFL Free Agency System



Marcus Allen

Allen, the team's starting running back, is signed for the 1991

Los Angeles Raiders' All-Pro running back Marcus Allen will file an antitrust suit against the NFL over the issue of free agency.



■ **Rocket In Flight:** Raghbir "Rocket" Ismail takes flight for a 73-yard punt return in his first game with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League. Ismail generated 213 all-purpose yards, running back four kickoffs for 88 yards, two punts for 87 yards, and catching one pass for 38 yards in his CFL debut.

season for \$1.1 million, his fourth consecutive season without a raise. He had considered holding out for a contract revision, but reported to camp saying "you can't fight the system." However, now he plans to do just that, according to The Sporting News, which quoted lawyer Jim Quinn as saying the suit would be filed in U.S. District Court and that Allen would be joined by several other players based in California.



Hornets' Littles Moved Off Bench To Front Office

The NBA Charlotte Hornets shook up their basketball management by moving head coach Gene Littles, one of six Black head coaches in the league, to vice president and special assistant to club's president.

Littles, 48, had been coach of the two-year-old expansion team since the middle of the 1989-90 season. He posted a 37-87 record as coach and last year the team won it's best ever, 26 victories.

He was replaced by Allen Bristow, team vice-president and player personnel director, who is a former player but who has no head coaching experience.

Littles was director of player personnel when Charlotte won

► **Daddy's Girl:** Heavyweight contender Riddick Bowe is joined by his daughter Brenda after a news conference in New York to announce his August 9 bout against Bruce Seldon in Atlantic City, N.J. Bowe, 21-0, knocked out journeyman heavyweight Phil Brown July 23 and was to have faced unbeaten "Merciless" Ray Mercer, but Mercer pulled out of the fight.

the franchise in 1987 and later became an assistant coach to Dick Harter.

Ex-NFL QB Joe Gilliam Faces Robbery Charges

Joe Gilliam Jr., one of the first Black starting quarterbacks in the NFL while with the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1970's, has been



been arrested and charged with robbing a Shreveport, Louisiana fried chicken restaurant at knifepoint.

Gilliam, 40, whose career unraveled because of a drug habit, starred at Tennessee State University. He was arrested about a block from the restaurant after a man armed with a knife, got a small amount of money and took off on foot. "He walked up to the window, placed an order, and when the employee turned his back, he reached in the window with a knife," said a police spokeswoman.

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White NFL Salaries Overtake Blacks In Racial Report Card

Whites pro football players again earn more than Black NFL players, on average, reversing the situation of a year ago, according to the newly released Racial Report Card.

The salaries of White players, still a minority in the NFL, averaged \$313,000, compared to \$287,000 for Blacks. The previous report card showed Blacks averaging \$253,916 to \$236,516 for Whites (JET July 30, 1990).

But as Blacks lost their preeminence in football salaries, Blacks and Latin players in major league baseball for the first time topped Whites in average salary. In 1991, Whites earned an average of \$867,476, while Blacks made an average of \$1,051,696, Latin players averaged \$873,581 and Hispanic-American players averaged \$552,867.

The Report Card, issued by the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University, gives pro basketball an "A" grade for minority opportunities and pro football received a "C+" grade. Major League Baseball, however, received only a "C" grade. The NFL did get a "B+" in improvement, based largely upon several high-level hirings of Blacks.

Much of the gain in NFL salaries last year was attributed to the high salaries of a few Black starting quarterbacks and the high salaries of Blacks in other

skilled offensive positions, running back and wide receiver.

The NBA led in virtually all categories of minority opportunities, while baseball and football were criticized for "stacking" or segregating Blacks to certain on-field positions, such as running back and wide receiver in football and outfielder in baseball.

"The NBA remains the most racially integrated of the major league sports in hiring practices with respect to players, coaching staff and front-office ranks," said the report. "The findings show that there are now clearly more opportunities for Blacks as well as for women to obtain prominent positions in the NBA front offices."

Blacks comprise 72 percent of NBA players, down from 75 percent a year ago; 61 percent of NFL players, up from 60 percent last year, and 18 percent of major league baseball players, up one percent from last year. That increase reversed a 10-year trend of declining Black participation in pro baseball.

Pro football was also criticized for promising that the new World League of American Football (WLAF) would be a training ground for minority NFL coaches, of which there is still just one. However, of the 92 front-office positions in the WLAF, only 6 were filled by Blacks. Of the 10 WLAF head coaching positions, none were held by Blacks and only 13 of the 44 assistant coach positions were held by Blacks. Fifty-seven percent of the players in the WLAF were Black.

Mike Tyson Targeted With Rape Allegation At Indiana Black Expo

Former heavyweight boxing champ Mike Tyson denies allegations that he recently raped a woman, reportedly one of the contestants in the Miss Black America Pageant, in Indianapolis.

Tyson is alleged to have raped an 18-year-old woman in his hotel room on July 19, according to police reports. However, at JET press time, no charges had been filed. Tyson was participating in the Indiana Black Expo, and filmed a promotional spot for the Miss Black America Pageant. During the filming he met several of the contestants.

"All the girls were excited, and Tyson was enjoying the attention of the ladies," Rev. Charles Williams, executive director of the

Black Expo, told JET.

Tyson attended a Johnny Gill concert that evening, and the woman reportedly told police she was driven to Tyson's hotel and was raped about 1:30 a.m. However, another contestant, Tonya Traylor of Miami, first runner-up, told the Indianapolis Star that she and three other contestants were with Tyson at the concert until about 1:30 a.m.

Tyson's Nov. 8 title bout against undisputed champ Evander Holyfield would not be affected by the allegations, according to Time Warner Sports, which is chief bankroller for the fight.

Tyson could not be reached for comment on the allegation, but Cable News Network reported that he told CNN: "There is no truth to any of the allegations."

■ **Suicide Try:** Pittsburgh Steelers' guard Terry Long, 32, apparently attempted suicide after he learned he had tested positive for steroid use, which carries a four-game suspension from the NFL. Long was reportedly admitted to the emergency room at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh after ingesting what a police source described as rat poison. Reportedly, Long first attempted to asphyxiate himself by inhaling carbon monoxide fumes while sitting in his car in a closed garage.





■ **Hall Of Famer:** Former Houston Oilers' great Earl Campbell displays his bronze bust after his enshrinement into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Campbell rushed for 9,407 yards and 74 touchdowns in eight seasons. His first season as a pro, he was named Rookie of the Year, All-Pro, won the rushing title and was the NFL's Most Valuable Player.

LIFESTYLES

Buying a Florida lottery ticket gave Bryant Garrett something to smile about—\$26.5 million.



Pensacola, Fla. Man Wins \$26.5 Million In Lottery

An ordinary Saturday afternoon trip to the mall turned into something extraordinary when Bryant Garrett of Pensacola, Fla., recently bought what turned out to be a winning lottery ticket worth \$26.5 million.

Garrett, 31, was at the Cordova Mall in the city with friends when he stopped at a promotional Play 4 display to try his luck at the Spin To Win Wheel. With Lady Luck on his side, Garrett won a frisbee, which he gave to his roommate's son, and purchased five LOTTO tickets before continuing through the shopping center.

While the drawing was held later that evening, Garrett did not know the \$26.5 million jackpot was all his until he checked the Sunday paper the next morning. His lucky numbers, 19, 21, 27, 30, 41 and 42, will mean annual payments of \$1,327,000 for the next two decades or about \$25,500 a week during that period. The corrections officer said he planned to take some time off to celebrate.

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Bill Jones photos

Box-office star Eddie Murphy carries his daughter, Bria, into the Los Angeles NAACP Awards Dinner, accompanied by the 20-month-old's mother, fashion model Nicole Mitchell.

Eddie Murphy Makes Public Debut With Daughter At L.A. NAACP Awards Dinner

The recent L.A. NAACP Roy Wilkins Dinner was one of those gatherings of Hollywood's Who's Who. Even though there were Oscar and Grammy Award winners present, virtually all eyes were on an individual who was a complete unknown, never seen and rarely talked about.

The evening marked the public debut of comedian Eddie Murphy's 20-month-old daughter Bria. The jovial, smiling father brought Bria and her mother, Nicole Mitchell, to the dinner at the posh Century Plaza Hotel where he was honored with the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award.

"It's the first time she's been publicly introduced," said Murphy publicist Terrie Williams. Murphy startled many in the black-tie audience when he entered the hotel holding Bria in his arms. Many had no idea he was a father.

Although little is known about Murphy's daughter, she does live in Sacramento, Calif., with her mother, fashion model Nicole Mitchell. Although Murphy divides his time between New Jersey and Los Angeles, he still spends a lot of time with his daughter. He and Ms. Mitchell



The precocious Bria had the run of the dinner and even upstaged her famous father.

Murphy and Bria are joined by pal Arsenio Hall, who presented Lifetime Achievement Award to Murphy.





Murphy is joined by his 20-month-old daughter Bria, and her mother, Nicole Mitchell.

Toddler Lives With Mother

met several years ago, ironically at a NAACP function in Los Angeles.

While holding Bria in his arms, Murphy was presented the award by longtime buddy Arsenio Hall. Hall pointed out that it was rare that someone so young (Murphy is 30) got the award. He added that Murphy was a rare individual.

While accepting the award, Murphy told the star-studded crowd that Bria is "my biggest achievement." He also joked about getting the award at such a young age. He said he felt "weird" about it because he was only 29 when he found out about it.

On hand for the event that raised \$350,000 were such celebrities as Keenen Ivory Wayans, Janet Jackson, M.C. Hammer, director John Singleton, Robert Townsend, Nick Nolte, Dionne Warwick, Marla Gibbs, Todd Bridges, Della Reese, Jayne Kennedy-Overton, Dawnn Lewis and John Travolta.

Previous Lifetime Achievement Award winners include South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Frank Sinatra and Kenny Rogers.

Actor Theodore Wilson, 47, Dies Of Stroke In L.A.

TV and movie actor Theodore Wilson, who was featured on several TV comedy shows, recently died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles from a stroke. He was 47.



Theodore Wilson

Wilson played Carl the postman in the TV comedy "That's My Mama," starred as Phil Wheeler in "The Sanford Arms" and appeared in such other TV shows as "Crazy Like A Fox," "Good Times," "The Redd Foxx Show" "Roll Out" and "You Can't Take It With You."

He appears in the new Mel Brooks movie, *Life Stinks*, which has opened in movie theaters across the nation.

He is survived by his sons, Theodore and Robert and a daughter, Nicole.

JET's **TOP** 20 Albums



Boyz N The Hood



Keith Washington



Title

Artist and Label

- 1 **SOUNDTRACK** Boyz N The Hood (Qwest/Warner Bros.)
- 2 **MAKE TIME FOR LOVE** Keith Washington (Warner Bros.)
- 3 **GOOD WOMAN** Gladys Knight (MCA)
- 4 **JUNGLE FEVER** Stevie Wonder (Motown)
- 5 **THE EVOLUTION OF GOSPEL** Sounds of Blackness (A&M)
- 6 **CAN YOU STOP THE RAIN** Peabo Bryson (Columbia)
- 7 **POWER OF LOVE** Luther Vandross (Epic)
- 8 **TRULY BLESSED** Teddy Pendergrass (Elektra)
- 9 **HI-FIVE** Hi-Five (Jive/RCA)
- 10 **SO INTENSE** Lisa Fischer (Elektra)
- 11 **THE HEART OF THE MAN** Phil Perry (Capitol)
- 12 **EMOTIONALLY YOURS** O'Jays (EMI)
- 13 **HOME BASE** D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince (Jive/RCA)
- 14 **COOLEY HIGH HARMONY** Boyz II Men (Motown)
- 15 **SOUNDTRACK** New Jack City (Giant)
- 16 **QUIK IS THE NAME** D. J. Quik (Profile)
- 17 **ROPE A DOPE STYLE** LeVert (Atlantic)
- 18 **I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT** Whitney Houston (Arista)
- 19 **COOLIN' AT THE PLAYGROUND YA' KNOW** Another Bad Creation (Motown)
- 20 **DO ME AGAIN** Freddie Jackson (Capitol)



Jennifer Holliday shows off her new figure after losing 124 pounds.

Ms. Holliday decided to diet when she could not buy clothes that fit.



JENNIFER HOLLIDAY Reveals How She Lost 124 Pounds For A New Husband

Powerhouse vocalist Jennifer Holliday says her new husband was on her side all the way when she lost 124 pounds on her new diet.

It seems all of her dreams have come true. She has lost more weight than ever before. She is madly in love with her new husband. And she has just released a new hit record, *I'm On Your Side*.

"I'm very happy. He's very much on my side," she says as she begins to tell JET about her new husband, Billy Meadows, a 34-year-old Detroit singer-songwriter who also owns a recording studio. "I have the ultimate dream come true," the former Broadway *Dreamgirls* star says. "Because not only do I have somebody on my side. I have somebody who's with me all the way."

Her husband has indeed been on her side since she started dieting on her 30th birthday, October 19th. The Tony and Grammy Award-winning star dropped from a size 28-plus to a 12. She says being in love and simply getting tired of being overweight inspired her to go on the diet.

"I did the dieting for myself. When I met him I was heavy and when he asked me to marry him I was heavy and when we got married I was about 75 pounds heavier than I am now. I lost a great bulk of it after we got mar-

ried."

She admits, however, her husband's love and support motivated her to go all the way with the diet and not give up. "I must admit it did help me get through all the way. It did help me say 'OK, let's go take this thing all the way.' It really did. It helped me go that one extra mile. It's important when you have somebody in your corner, like that who'll say 'Hey, if you're doing this, I'll do it with you.' Not somebody who'll say 'If you do this Jennifer I'll love you more.' But instead somebody who'll say 'Look if you want to do this, then I want it too, I'll help you, I'll be there for you.'" And that's what her husband has done throughout the diet, she notes.

She remembers the moment she decided to diet on her birthday. "You look in the mirror and you want to make a change. I wasn't depressed or anything about going into my 30s but I thought maybe it was time to make a change," she remembers. And she says she felt bad that she couldn't find any clothes on a shopping spree. "The most embarrassing thing is, I love clothes and I was in Chicago for my birthday. I was going shopping and I couldn't find anything. There was nothing for me to wear, not even in the plus size stores. So it kind of ruined my birthday because I like to go shopping and I couldn't go shopping. So it was time to make a change," she says.

"I first started under a medical-supervised diet," she reveals. "After that I started on a regular



Ms. Holliday and her husband Detroit singer-songwriter Billy Meadows celebrate their love on recent wedding day.

routine of fruit in the morning, before noon, usually watermelon and cantaloupe, preferably watermelon, something that has a lot of water in it." Throughout the day she drinks about 12 to 16 glasses of water.

She has her biggest meal around 5 or 6 p.m.: It consists of "a large chicken breast, vegetable, any kind of vegetable but I like spinach and brussels sprouts, some salad, grain bread, diet margarine, a diet soft drink or iced tea or anything that's low in calories. After that meal, if I'm going to eat something I'll have my last bite before 8 o'clock. Either I'll go back to fruit or something like a bran muffin and that'll tie me over until the morning," she notes.

She walks daily and has begun an exercise program. "Now that I've lost the weight I need to firm



Ms. Holliday, shown in file photo before the diet, says she does not have any fear of gaining weight back.

Couple Met In Recording Studio

up quite a few things; mainly my arms and doing some abdominal things. For the first time in a long time, I pretty much have a flat stomach," she giggles.

She reveals she met her husband last June in a Detroit recording studio where she was working on her new album *"I'm On Your Side"*. One of the album's producers, Michael Powell, who is also Anita Baker's producer, introduced her to Meadows.

"He's a good friend of Michael's and he would come around the studio but I didn't know that he was paying attention to me until later," she recalls. "Michael said, 'You know Billy really likes you a lot.' And I was like 'Billy, likes me? What do you mean he likes

me?'" The next day Meadows called and asked her out for a date. "Then after that we started seeing each other a lot. And then because we lived in different cities, I didn't get a chance to see him a lot unless I was working on the album. And after Thanksgiving it started to get serious. Then I was in Detroit a *lot* more often," she laughs. "I was in Detroit a lot more often," she says again. "Finding any reason to get here," she laughs.

He proposed to her on Valentine's Day and they were married March 30th at a friend's home in Detroit.

She says he proposed to her one evening after he sang to her at a Detroit nightclub. "He sang *Whip Appeal* to me and he worked my nerves!" she exclaims. "He sang it so good. And then later that night, he proposed to me at home."

Ms. Holliday moved from New York to Detroit to be by her husband's side.

She says her husband is not intimidated by her celebrity status. "I don't think it was a concern of his. He got to see me in a different light, working in a studio where you're just being yourself, because it's you and a few other people in the studio. So to him, I was just Jennifer, some girl that Michael Powell was working with." And besides, she points out, "He knows what he can do too. He's very secure about who he is and what he's done and accomplished on his own and that is why I'm here with him in his environment."



Ms. Holliday, whose new record I'm On Your Side is a remake of Angela Bofill's original tune, enjoys a night on town with her husband and their friend, Detroit singer-nightclub club owner Ortheia Barnes.

She reveals her biggest joy in losing weight has been that she can now wear her husband's clothes. "I can sleep in his shirts which is one of my favorite things," she giggles. "People who know my husband can tell you he's not overweight at all," she

laughs, "So that's a real thrill."

Yes, Jennifer Holliday is indeed one "dream girl" who is living all her dreams—a happy marriage, a svelte look and a flourishing music career. What else could a girl ask for?

—CLARENCE WALDRON

Five Movies In Works On Black Panther Party

Now that Hollywood has recognized that Black movies mean box office success (JET, July 29th), there are at least five films in various stages of work that are related to the Black Panther Party of the '60s.

One of the films is being produced by award-winning Suzanne de Passe of Gordy/De Passe Production who told the L.A. Times, "It's obvious that there are not only great stories (in the Panther movement), but there's a

perception that Black subject matter has definite value, that Black is green."

She's working on a film based on the autobiography of Elaine Brown, a former Panther official.

Others working on Black Panther-related films, according to the L.A. Times, include new filmmaker Matty Rich, veteran filmmaker Melvin Van Peebles, and "Eyes On the Prize" TV documentary producer Henry Hampton. Columbia Pictures reportedly is also working on a Black Panther-related film.



Megastar James Brown said he decided to perform despite dispute that caused some of the bawdy behavior at Chicago's Soldiers Field.

James Brown Works Hard To Save Faulty Rhythm & Blues Show

James Brown proved he is still the hardest working man in show business when he recently made a valiant attempt to salvage a poorly organized concert in Chicago that was also supposed to include Aretha Franklin, Al Green, the Dells and Little Richard.

About half of the advertised lineup actually performed at Soldier Field. Other no-shows included Johnnie Taylor and the Winans. Produced by Pervis Spann of Delta Productions, the Chicago Music Festival left fans with the blues before the night was over. No explanation was ever given

for the pared-down lineup.

An estimated 15,000 music lovers were scattered throughout the 70,000-seat arena to see Brown and local artists Artie White, Gene Chandler and the Chi-Lites.

When Brown did finally make it to the stage about two hours behind schedule, he proved that he is truly the Godfather of Soul. Diehard music lovers who decided to hang in there despite the night's confusion found him in rare form as he performed such hits as *Get Up Offa That Thing*, *Living In America* and *It's A Man's World* during a 90-minute performance.

The concert promoter could not be reached for comment.

Arsenio Hall Is Favorite Late Night Talk Show Host

Arsenio Hall is at the top of the heap when it comes to late night talk show hosts, according to a recent poll by Time magazine.



Hall, dubbed the Prince of Late Night Talk Shows, captured a whopping 32 percent of the vote when respondents were asked to name their favorite gabfest host during the wee hours. David Letterman was second with 23 percent of the votes and Jay Leno, who has been named to succeed a retiring Johnny Carson, finished in third place with 20 percent of votes, the survey stated.

'Pump It Up' Hostess Hits NWA Member With \$22.7 Million Lawsuit

Dee Barnes, the petite hostess of "Pump It Up," a rap show on Fox-TV, recently filed a \$22.7 million lawsuit against Andre Young, known as Dr. Dre in the rap group NWA, charging he beat her up during a party at a Hollywood nightclub, according to a report in the Los Angeles Times.

"He picked me up by my hair and my ear and smashed my face and body into the wall," Barnes was quoted as saying in the newspaper. "Next thing I know, I'm down on the ground and he's kicking me in the ribs and stamping on my finger," she told the newspaper. According to the L.A. Times, the music show hostess "ran into the women's bathroom to hide, but he burst through the door and started bashing me in the back of the head."

The alleged attack took place at Po Na Na Souk club in Hollywood on January 27, according to the 23-year-old Barnes. In the suit, which charges Young with "assault and battery," Barnes also accuses other members of the popular rap group with "libel, slander and infliction of emotional distress," the article stated.

NWA (Niggers With Attitude) has come under fire in the past for its lyrics about violence against women on their hit LP *Straight Outta Compton*. Their latest release, *Efil4zaggin*, has risen to the top of the music charts and renewed criticism about their lyrics which glorify beating, raping and murdering of women.



■ **Escort For Bride-To-Be:** Superstar Michael Jackson will escort his good friend actress Elizabeth Taylor down the aisle when she weds her eighth husband in October. Jackson, who was at Ms. Taylor's side during the American Music Awards in Los Angeles (above), will give the bride away when she exchanges vows with Larry Fortensky.

Jabbar Puts Bel Air Home On Market For \$4.3 Million

Former Los Angeles Lakers star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar has put his Bel Air, California home up for sale for \$4.3 million, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Jabbar had the home built in 1985 after an electrical fire caused \$1.5 million worth of damage to his former home on the 1.5 acre site. The fire destroyed his extensive jazz album collection, trophies and other memorabilia (JET, Feb. 14, 1983).

JET's **TOP** 20 Singles

Title

Artist and Label

- 1 SUMMERTIME** D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince (Jive/RCA)
- 2 GOTTA HAVE YOU** Stevie Wonder (Motown)
- 3 I CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER MINUTE** Hi-Five (Jive/RCA)
- 4 CAN YOU STOP THE RAIN** Peabo Bryson (Columbia)
- 5 MOTOWNPHILLY** Boyz II Men (Motown)
- 6 UNFORGETTABLE** Natalie Cole (EMI)
- 7 BABY I'M READY** LeVert (Atlantic)
- 8 HOW CAN I EASE THE PAIN** Lisa Fischer (Elektra)
- 9 OPTIMISTIC** Sounds of Blackness (Reprise)
- 10 POWER OF LOVE/LOVE POWER** Luther Vandross (Epic)
- 11 LET THE BEAT HIT EM** Lisa Lisa & The Cult Jam (Def Jam)
- 12 NIGHTS LIKE THIS** After 7 (Virgin)
- 13 FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY** . . LeVert, Troop feat. Queen Latifah (Reprise)
- 14 CIRCLE OF ONE** Oleta Adams (Mercury)
- 15 MAIN COURSE** Freddie Jackson (Capitol)
- 16 MEN** Gladys Knight (MCA)
- 17 NOW THAT WE FOUND LOVE** Heavy D & The Boyz (MCA)
- 18 CALL ME** Phil Perry (Capitol)
- 19 ALWAYS** Pebbles (MCA)
- 20 HOW KOOL CAN ONE BLACK MAN BE** Kool Moe Dee (Jive/RCA)



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Singer Pebbles Highlights 'Showcase'

Sexy recording artist Pebbles, dancer/choreographer Rosie Perez and R&B singer Jeffrey Osborne all star on the "EBONY/JET Showcase," (Friday, August 9 through Sunday, August 11 check your local listing for date and time in your city). Others scheduled to appear this week include:

Bill Cosby/Phylicia Rashad on "The Cosby Show," (Thursday, August 8 at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.
Dorian Harewood on "Trials of Rosie O'Neill," (Thursday, August 8 at 9 p.m., ET) on CBS.

JoMarie Payton-France/Reginald VelJohnson/Darius McCrary/Telma Hopkins/Jaleel White on "Family Matters," (Friday, August 9 at 8:30 p.m., ET) on ABC.
Sherman Hemsley/Clifton Davis/Anna Maria Horsford on "Amen," (Saturday, August 10 at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Don Franklin on "Young Riders," (Saturday, August 10 at

8 p.m., ET) on ABC.

Will Smith/James Avery/Alfonso Ribeiro/Tatyana M. Ali/Janet Hubert/Karyn Parsons/Joseph Marcell on "Fresh Prince of BelAir," (Monday, August 12 at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Ossie Davis on "Evening Shade," (Monday, August 12 at 8 p.m., ET) on CBS.

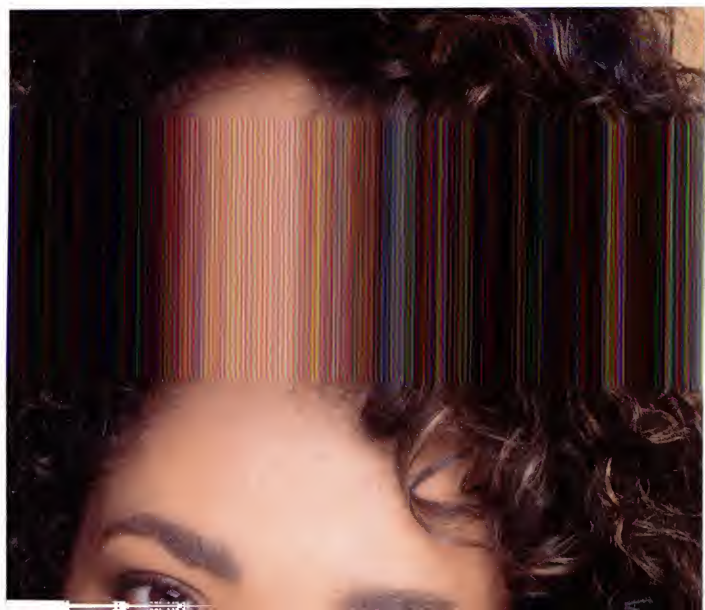
Marlon Archey on "Major Dad," (Monday, August 12 at 8:30 p.m., ET) on CBS.

Clarence Gilyard Jr. on "Matlock," (Tuesday, August 13 at 8 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Richard Brooks on "Law and Order," (Tuesday, August 13 at 10 p.m., ET) on NBC.

Barbara Montgomery/Ray Arahna on "Married People," (Wednesday, August 14 at 10:30 p.m., ET) on ABC

Singer Pebbles talks about her marriage to producer L.A. Reid and how her current hit single Backyard relates to an incident in her personal life on "Showcase."





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